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**Israel Defense Forces updates on the August 31** 

Israel Defense Forces:

IDF: Sirens sounded in northern Israel.

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IDF: Earlier today, IDF soldiers identified a number of terrorists entering a Hezbollah military structure in the area of Tayr Harfa in southern Lebanon. A short while later, the IAF struck the military structure in which the terrorists operated.

Additionally, IDF artillery struck launching sites in the area of Chebaa, southern Lebanon.

Attached is a video of the strike: <a href="https://bit.ly/3MrSXxD">https://bit.ly/3MrSXxD</a>

IDF: Initial report - a report was received regarding a shooting attack in the Karmei Zur community in the Etzion Regional Brigade. The suspect was neutralized at the scene. The event is still developing. Details to follow.

IDF: Following the initial report regarding a security incident, over the past hour, two security incidents occurred in the area of the Etzion Regional Brigade.

Approximately an hour ago, a vehicle caught fire and exploded in a gas station at the Gush Etzion Junction.

IDF soldiers who were dispatched to the scene opened fire and eliminated the terrorist who existed the vehicle and attempted to attack them. Security forces are conducting scans in the area to rule out the possibility of additional terrorists.

In an additional incident, terrorists attempted to ram a security guard at the entrance to the Karmei Tzur community a short while ago and infiltrated the community. IDF soldiers were dispatched to the scene and a terrorists was neutralized. Security forces are conducting scans to rule out the possibility of additional terrorists in the area. The incident is still developing.

Large IDF, Israeli Police, and ISA forces who were dispatched to the area, are conducting wide-range scans and blocking routes in the area.

At this moment, it cannot be determined if the the incidents are related.

A number of injuries have been reported. The details are still under review.

IDF: Following the sirens that sounded between 22:26 - 23:02 in the area of the Western Galilee, approximately 40 launches were identified crossing from Lebanon into Israeli territory. Some of the launches were intercepted, and a number of projectile falls were identified in the area. No injuries were reported.

IDF artillery struck the sources of fire.

Over the past few hours, the IAF struck a number of Hezbollah launchers in southern Lebanon.

IDF: Israeli security forces are continuing to conduct scans to rule out the possibility of additional terrorists in the Karmei Zur community; the Commanding Officer of the Central Command arrived at the scene of the terror attack and conducted a situational assessment

Over the past few hours, Israeli security forces have been conducting scans to rule out the possibility of additional terrorists in the Karmei Zur community.

The Commanding Officer of the Central Command arrived at the scene of the terror attack and conducted a situational assessment along with the commanders of the Judea and Samaria Regional Division, the Etzion Regional Brigade, the Judea Regional Brigade, and additional commanders.

The initial examination of the vehicle explosion at the Gush Etzion gas station indicated that the incident was an attempted car bombing by a terrorist. During the IDF's response to the attack, the Commander of the Etzion Regional Brigade sustained minor injuries while continuing to lead the troops in the elimination of the terrorist. Additionally, an IDF officer was moderately injured, and a reservist officer responsible for the security in a nearby community sustained minor injuries.

In the incident at the Karmei Zur community, a terrorist infiltrated the compound, prompting the Head of Security to pursue the terrorist by car. During the chase, a collision occurred between the Head of Security's vehicle and the terrorist's car, leading to the terrorist being neutralized shortly after. During the confrontation, an explosive device in the terrorist's car detonated.

Attached is a video of the situational assessment conducted by the commanders at the scene: <a href="https://bit.ly/4dLbpNM">https://bit.ly/4dLbpNM</a>

Attached is a video of the scans conducted by the IDF soldiers at the scenes: <a href="https://bit.ly/3AVZA8T">https://bit.ly/3AVZA8T</a>

Attached are photos from the scene: https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/ANC3108202498

IDF: Weaponry and large amounts of military equipment; IDF troops continue to operate in central and southern Gaza

IDF troops continue operational activity in the area of Gaza City.

Yesterday, the troops identified a terrorist who was rigging a structure adjacent to the troops. Swiftly, the IAF dismantled the structure.

Additionally, the troops eliminated terrorist cells and dismantled terror infrastructure and military structures that posed a threat to the troops.

Over the past day, IDF troops continued to operate in the area of Tal al-Sultan. During the operation, the troops located a large amount of weaponry.

Additionally, the troops eliminated terrorists who posed a threat to the troops over the past day.

Attached are photos from IDF operational activity in the Gaza Strip: <a href="https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/ANC3108202458">https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/ANC3108202458</a>

IDF: The Chief of the General Staff, LTG Herzi Halevi, has completed a situational assessment with the commanding officers of the regional commands and the commanding officers of the General Staff, on the activity in all regions, and following the events in Judea and Samaria.

The Chief of the General Staff emphasized the continuation of the offensive effort to thwart terrorism, and the defense efforts in the communities, roads and the Judea and Samaria security barrier, as well as the increased alertness and readiness of the troops. The Chief of the General Staff referred to the counterterrorism operation in the Jenin area, aimed at preventing terrorist attacks like the one that occurred early this morning in Etzion.

IDF: Sirens sounded in northern Israel.

IDF: Sirens sounded in Netu'a and Fassuta, northern Israel.

IDF: Operations Continue in the Jenin Area

The Kfir Brigade in cooperation with Yamam (Israel's National Counter-Terrorism Unit) and ISA forces have been operating in the Nur Shams area for the past few days. During the activity, five terrorists were eliminated, including Mohammed Jabar "Abu Shujaa", the head of the terror organization in the Nur Shams area. Additionally, 6 wanted individuals were apprehended.

During the operation, the forces located and destroyed dozens of explosives that were planted on the roads with the aim of harming our forces. The soldiers identified a suspicious vehicle near the government hospital in Tulkarm, inside the vehicle they located an M16 rifle and a large quantity of weapons.

The IDF, ISA and Israel Border Police forces continue their activities in the Jenin area, so far 14 terrorists have been eliminated and dozens of explosives have been destroyed.

Attached is footage of the troops activity: <a href="https://bit.ly/4e365VH">https://bit.ly/4e365VH</a>

Attached is footage of the destruction of explosives: <a href="https://bit.ly/3MoAF0g">https://bit.ly/3MoAF0g</a>

Attached are photos of the explosives located in the area: <a href="https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/ANC57604501">https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/ANC57604501</a>

Attached is a video announcement of a company commander in the Haruv Reconnaissance Battalion, MAJ Roi: <a href="https://bit.ly/3TchryP">https://bit.ly/3TchryP</a>

Attached is footage from IDF activities in Jenin: <a href="https://bit.ly/47pMv4d">https://bit.ly/47pMv4d</a>

Attached are related photos: <a href="https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/ANC6640494">https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/ANC6640494</a>

Joint IDF and ISA announcement:

The IDF and the ISA eliminated the Commander of the Islamic Jihad's Central Camps Brigade

In a joint IDF and ISA operation on Thursday in central Gaza, an IAF aircraft struck and eliminated the Commander of the Islamic Jihad's Central Camps Brigade, the terrorist Muhammad Katrouy.

Katrouy was responsible for rocket attacks against Israel from the central Gaza Strip and the Islamic Jihad's terror activities against Israeli civilians and soldiers. He held a number of roles in the Islamic Jihad terrorist organization, including Deputy Brigade Commander and Intelligence Officer.

Attached is the identification card of the Commander of the Islamic Jihad's Central Camps Brigade: <a href="https://idfanc.activetrail.biz/ANC31082024785">https://idfanc.activetrail.biz/ANC31082024785</a>

Attached is a video of the strike: <a href="https://bit.ly/3XoCi4t">https://bit.ly/3XoCi4t</a>

IDF: The Chief of the General Staff in Jenin: "Dismantling the Terrorism That Comes Out of the Camps in Judea and Samaria."

The Chief of the General Staff, LTG Herzi Halevi, has just concluded a visit and situational assessment in Jenin with the Commanding Officer of the Central Command, the Commanding Officer of the Judea and Samaria Division and the Commanding Officer of the Menashe Brigade.

Attached is a related photo: https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/ANC310820243454526

IDF: Attached is an IDF announcement regarding the name of a fallen soldier whose family has been notified: <a href="https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/ANC31082024645363">https://IDFANC.activetrail.biz/ANC31082024645363</a>

Additionally, attached is a link to the IDF website, where updates on fallen soldiers are published: <a href="https://www.idf.il/59780">https://www.idf.il/59780</a>

During the incident in which Staff Sergeant Elkana Navon fell, an officer from the 906th Battalion, Infantry Training School (Bislach) Brigade was severely injured.

Additionally, a reservist from the 9207th Battalion, 16th Brigade, was severely injured earlier today (Saturday) during operational activity in the central Gaza Strip.

The injured soldiers were evacuated to a hospital to receive medical treatment and their families have been notified.

IDF: The Chief of the General Staff in Jenin: "We Will Not Let Terrorism in Judea and Samaria Raise Its Head"

Today (Saturday), the Chief of the General Staff, LTG Herzi Halevi, held a situational assessment in Jenin with the Commanding Officer of the Central Command, MG Avi Bluth, the Commanding Officer of the Judea and Samaria Division, BG Yaki Dolf and other commanders, and met the soldiers participating in the counterterrorism operation in the area.

Attached is a video from the remarks of the Chief of the General Staff: https://bit.ly/3ZpXAQP

Attached is a related video: <a href="https://bit.ly/3Z829yT">https://bit.ly/3Z829yT</a>

Attached are the full remarks of the Chief of the General Staff: "Last night, there was an attack involving two car bombs that left from the Hebron area and went toward the Gush Etzion area. Look at this attack, what you are doing here, entering the camps, is exactly the idea to prevent the terrorists from loading explosives onto a car bomb and carrying out an attack in a community, against IDF troops, or anywhere else. This is where the offensive idea is from of going and confronting terrorism, places where they are building attacking capabilities. This is a very important thing.

We will not let terrorism in Judea and Samaria to raise its head, which is why the initiative to go from city to city, camp to camp, with excellent intelligence, very good operational capabilities, very strong aerial intelligence support, and above all, with very moral and determined soldiers and commanders. I see the commitment to the mission, in this way we will protect the citizens of Israel, exactly like this."